

PROF. L. F. MOENCH FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND PRESS

Editor Standard: In your issue of February 17, you referred to a petition being circulated in opposition to the resolution passed by the mass meeting of February the 6th, pertaining to the half-day school movement. Now as there is no secret about this matter and as the petition will soon be presented to the school board there is no reason why it should not now be published and the people become acquainted with it. And permit me here to say that neither Superintendent Mills nor the school board had a thing to do with this petition; and the person who gave you the information was positively so informed, but, for some reason best known to himself, he accused the Mills' people of it.

Again, the reason for presenting this petition for signatures is simply this: Many persons were prevented from being present at that meeting either from not knowing anything at all about it, or because the time of the notification was so short that other circumstances prevented their attendance. Also freedom of speech and freedom of the press are constitutional privileges which no man nor set of men, however large the majority, have a right to prohibit nor to force upon a board so long as the discussions are for the enlightenment of the public and not of an insurrectionary character.

The same meeting also had no right to prescribe rules and regulations binding the board and superintendent as to what they shall or shall not teach in the schools. The school law of Utah defines this plainly and holds the school board and superintendent responsible for it by bonds which they give and by the oath of office which they take, promising to discharge their duties to the best of their knowledge and ability according to law. The meeting had a perfect right to debate the question and invite the superintendent and the board to explain it and to throw new light upon it, but when it passed the resolution prohibiting the freedom of the press and free speech, and to dictate to the board what it shall or shall not teach, it clearly transcended its bounds and neither the board nor the superintendent were in any way obligated to receive the resolution much less to bind themselves with another resolution in support of it.

Further, in your report of the meeting you stated that those who voted against the resolution were largely the teachers and their immediate friends, that is those who knew by profession what they were doing and talking about, some of them, no doubt, having spent a life time in the profession, voted against the resolution, while the mass of the meeting, those who knew nothing at all about teaching and its profession, the greatest and most important of free speech, and to dictate to the board what it shall or shall not teach, it clearly transcended its bounds and neither the board nor the superintendent were in any way obligated to receive the resolution much less to bind themselves with another resolution in support of it.

Finally, has not the misunderstanding between Superintendent Mills and many of the people arisen from the misnomer "the half-day school session?" In my article of January 21, I advocated for the school to commence at 8 a. m., and the school year to be extended to eleven months in place of ten, the one-half day to be devoted to a thorough training, at least as far as possible, in a good English education, and the other half-day from 1 to 4, to the acquiring of a profession, either at home under the supervision of the parent or in the school room under the direction of competent teachers. There is surely no half-day school about this, and students instead of loitering away half of their time will find full employment for all their leisure moments. And, as I understand it, Superintendent Mills' plan is precisely similar, except that for eight in the morning he advocates half past eight, while he is silent on the extension of the school year. In conclusion, permit me herewith to present you the petition. Very respectfully,

(Signed) L. F. MOENCH.

THE PETITION.

To the Board of Education of Ogden City, Utah, Gentlemen: In a resolution passed by a mass meeting, held on February 6, 1914, at the

Ogden Tabernacle, and claiming to be the voice of the people of Ogden, on the half-day school session, your honorable body and the superintendent are enjoined from a further agitation and discussion at this time of such proposed plan, and from introducing it into the public schools of Ogden.

Now, in view of the fact, that the Ogden school district numbers about 30,000 people and that there were only about eight to nine hundred present at this meeting and that from this number only about five to six hundred voted in favor of the resolution, the others either not voting at all or voting against it, and further,

That when the nature of the call is taken into consideration, and the short notice of it to the public being only 24 hours through the Standard and 12 hours through the Examiner, we object to this being regarded as voicing the sentiments of the people of the Ogden school district, or as in any way binding upon the majority of its citizens, or upon its board or superintendent.

And while we at this time do not favor the introduction of this system in consequence of a lack of a thorough understanding of it by the people, we do most seriously object to that part of the resolution which prohibits the free and open discussion of this proposed plan, both from the public press and the rostrum, as it is the only way through which the public can become educated on this or any other new plan, which the superintendent and the board think wise to place before the people before introducing it into the school. Free press and free speech is the very essence of American liberty and to throttle it is simply to stultify the growth of our republic and to relegate it back to absolute monarchy and despotism.

We are conscious of the fact that there are new systems of education and that there is much complaint against the present system, not that Ogden is not up with the best, but that even the best is not good enough now, and we know of no other way of bringing new light before the people and into the school room than through the press and the rostrum.

We, therefore, favor the full and free discussion of any plan that may be for the good and improvement of our schools; and if Superintendent Mills has anything which he conscientiously considers worthy of introduction into our schools, we feel that he should have full liberty, nay, we think it is his duty to present it to the people in the most feasible and practical way possible.

Then after due consideration from both sides, if there is still a doubt about its practicability let the introduction of it be decided by ballot, and let the school board call a meeting, naming time and place and preparing a suitable ballot for it.

NOTICE

Women of Woodcraft, members of Ogden circle No. 581 are requested to meet at the New Woodman hall, Sunday, February 22, at 1 p. m., to attend the funeral of our late neighbor Emma Harris.

BARBARA LUDWIG, G. N. MARIE CRITES, Clerk.

LINDSTROM FUNERAL WILL BE ON SUNDAY

The funeral of J. W. Lindstrom, the pioneer letter carrier, will take place tomorrow from Eagle hall, on Hudson avenue, when the services will be held at 2 o'clock.

The local Knights of Pythias as well as the order of Eagles will take part in the ritualistic work and an appropriate program of addresses and musical numbers have been arranged.

The deceased has been a very popular member of Uncle Sam's mail service for the past twenty years, and the pall bearers will be composed of Knights of Pythias, Eagles and mail carriers as a mark of esteem in which deceased was held.

ATTENTION YEOMEN

In the future Ogden Homestead No. 1505, Brotherhood of American Yeomen will meet every Tuesday evening in W. O. W. hall, Fraternity block, Washington avenue.

LE ROY M'KNIGHT, Foreman.

ELKS' FEBRUARY NIGHT JINKS TO BE A BIG EVENT

The evening of Thursday, February 26, will be a large one at the Elks club. On that evening the entertainment committee will present a varied program for the brothers and their ladies, which is calculated to entertain—no matter what the taste of the individual might be.

A progressive high-five card game will be played on the mezzanine floor, library and lounge room, beginning at 8:30 sharp. The play will last one hour and the prizes to be awarded will be well worth the effort. At 9 o'clock Crawford's Colonial orchestra will preside in the ballroom and continue until 12 or 1 o'clock for those who trip the light fantastic. A fine punch will be served on this floor. The dance will be interspersed with a short dramatic reading, several solos and vaudeville acts from the Sullivan & Condoine circuit playing the Orpheum that week. A feature of the evening will be an exhibition of the much discussed and "cussed" tango. This dance will be produced in three different varieties for the approval of those present from 10:30 until 11:30 a fine lunch will be served down stairs in the banquet hall consisting of cameo and brown bread sandwiches; cheese tidbits, pickles, olives, coffee, purple and white ice cream and cake. The committee consisting of Messrs Zeller, Clayton, Dean, Harris, Packer and Hogan assisted by Mesdames Camp, Culley, Gysin, Zeller, Ballantyne Harris and Dais insist upon this affair being strictly informal.

The regular dances are usually formal but the affair on February 26 is to be a "Business Suit" and "Shirt Waist" evening to the letter, and woe be unto the Elk who dares to sport his dress suit that evening. His fine of \$250 will be collected if he is lucky enough to get by the reception committee which will be on the lookout for the "dress suit boys" on that evening.

OLD SONGS THAT ARE FAVORITES TO BE SUNG

The old songs that are general favorites with everybody will be sung Monday evening at an "Old Time Song Recital," given by Mr. Charles Kent of Salt Lake City in the First Presbyterian church. Among the songs on the program are:

Silver Threads Among the Gold.

Annie Laurie.

Ben Bolt.

Old Kentucky Home.

Old Folks at Home.

Kathleen Mavourneen.

When the Swallows Homeward Fly.

Mrs. C. H. Stevens will also render some of the modern classic songs. Miss Hamill will give a few selections upon the violin and T. D. Livingston will play a cornet solo.

The song recital is given following a colonial supper to be served Monday evening from 5:30 to 7:30, and a colonial party to be given from 7:30 to 8 o'clock. Many will be dressed in colonial costume and colonial entertainment will be provided. Mr. Kent is well known as a most pleasing singer of the old time songs. He will render twelve solos.

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at the Kirkendall mortuary. The interment will be made in the Mountain View cemetery.

LINDSTROM—Funeral services for J. W. Lindstrom will be held tomorrow afternoon in the Eagles hall on Hudson avenue. The service will be conducted by the Eagles lodge of which Mr. Lindstrom was a member. The body may be viewed at the family residence, 326 Eighteenth street, this afternoon and tomorrow morning. The Eagles lodge will conduct their ritual at the service in the hall and the Knights of Pythias will have their ritual service at the grave. The interment will be in the City cemetery.

SMITH—Funeral services for John A. Smith were conducted by Reverend W. W. Fleetwood in the Episcopal church yesterday. Musical selections were given by Miss Lizzie Blair and Mrs. Agnes Warner and A. R. White, interment in City cemetery.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

You are requested to meet at hall Sunday afternoon at 1:30 to attend funeral of Brother J. W. Lindstrom.

A. B. PRATT, C. C.

GIANT HAD HIS FACE CLAWED BY MUCH SMALLER MAN

W. A. Smithers, J. M. Hughes and Frank Adams were each sentenced to serve five days in jail or to pay a fine of \$5. The first two were drunk and fighting and the third was just drunk. All three were arrested by Officer John Hutchins.

Smithers and Hughes were arrested in the pool hall at 2441 Hudson avenue. Hughes is about 6 feet 2 inches tall and Smithers is about 5 feet 7 inches. One side of Hughes' face was clawed as though he had been in a brush with a wildcat, but the smaller man appeared to be uninjured.

Smithers admitted having been the cause of the damage done to his companion's face, saying that he had to do something violent to defend himself, owing to the other man being so much his superior in size. The two had been drinking and had quarreled without any reasonable cause.

Adams was arrested in the Carlyle rooming house, where he had created a disturbance. He was dead drunk and had to be carried to the auto patrol.

INSPECTOR M'GEE HERE ON BUSINESS

Postoffice Inspector L. A. McGee, with headquarters at Salt Lake, is in Ogden today on official business. Mr. McGee spent much time in Ogden last year running down the blackmailers and it was largely through him that Myron A. Smith and Joseph Higginbotham were bound over to the federal grand jury.

The federal jury will meet next month to consider cases before it from the north district and Mr. McGee is just now getting his cases in hand for presentation.

COMMISSIONERS SEE BRIDGE ACROSS THE WEBER

After visiting the joint bridge across Weber river, the city commissioners are convinced that the bridge has been well built and that the investment on the part of the city is a wise one.

Commissioner Flygare states that as soon as the old Bamberger bridge is removed, the steel construction for the city's part of the bridge will be begun, with a view to completing it at the earliest possible time. The material is on hand and the contract for the construction has been let to an Idaho bridge construction company.

President Simon Bamberger of the Salt Lake & Ogden Railway company stated yesterday that he still has a considerable grading to do at the east and west entrances to the bridge for double-tracking purposes, but that he has a large force of men at work and hopes to be able to remove the old bridge and use the new one in the early part of April.

CARD OF THANKS
We take this means of thanking those who assisted at the bedside and at the funeral of our beloved husband and father, and the kind and loving sentiments expressed by those who spoke, for the inspiring music rendered by those who sang and played; for the beautiful floral tributes, and for the courtesies of the officers of the Eleventh and Twelfth wards.

FAMILY OF RICHARD DOUGLASS.
TRAINED.
Freddie—Are you the trained nurse mamma said was coming?
Nurse—Yes, dear, I'm the trained nurse.
Freddie—Let's see some of your tricks, then!—T. H. Bits.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY
EIGHTEEN-acre farm, with good brick house, \$1800, on part time O. K. Kennedy, basement Utah Nat. Bldg. 2-21-1wk

FORTY YOUNG MEN AT EXAMINATION FOR MAIL CLERKS

An examination for the position of railway mail clerk was held today in room 316 of the Federal building. The examination was in charge of William Johnson, local clerk of the civil service board, and Felix Moore, a member of the board. Mr. Johnson is in charge of the money order department of the Ogden postoffice and Mr. Moore is a clerk in the local forest service office.

Forty young men took the examination, making the largest class ever examined at one time in the local office. Most of these are Ogden residents and one or two more applicants would have taken the examination but for the fact that the department had only sent 40 papers to Secretary Johnson.

The subjects in which the applicants were examined were arithmetic, geography, spelling, penmanship, letter writing and copying from plain copy.

The names of those who were successful in passing the examination will not be known for a month or more as the papers are sent to the department at Washington, D. C., to be marked.

Society

WILL RETURN SOON
Mrs. Mary E. Fitzgerald and daughter, now visiting in California, will return to Ogden during the first days of March. In a letter to Ogden friends, she says she has failed to find any climate in California that equals that of Ogden, but she thinks a few Los Angeles boosters would doubt the population of Ogden in a short time.

Mrs. Fitzgerald closes her letter with the words, "Dear old Ogden, I will be back soon." The people of Ogden have to go away to find out what a good thing they are leaving.

RETURN FROM COAST
The Misses Florence and Violet Fisher have returned from a five week visit with relatives and friends throughout California. Two weeks were enjoyably spent with their sister, Mrs. Fred Fei of Oakland. Mrs. Fei was formerly Miss Lily Fisher of this city.

MARTHA SOCIETY
Monday at 1:30 o'clock the ladies of the Martha society will meet with Mrs. M. S. Browning, 2700 Washington avenue.

PAST NOBLE GUARDS.
Thursday afternoon Mrs. J. A. Randall was the gracious hostess to the ladies of the Past Noble Grand club. Following the usual business card games were enjoyed at which prizes were awarded to Mesdames Ette Myers, first, Barbara Royle, second, and Sarah Turner, third.

In the dining room a most temptingly prepared luncheon was served by the hostess assisted by her daughter, Miss Nellie Randall, covers being laid for the following: Mesdames Nellie Shiverall, Barbara Royle, Iva Wells, Indie Sawyer, E. C. Wardleigh, Sarah Turner, Emma Meld, Marie Beck, Isella Tyree, Ette Myers, Gertrude Koonce, Addie Baker, Ider Baker, Annie Kiesel, Nona Harrington, Amanda Lansing, Mrs. Banville and Mrs. Russell as a guest of the club.

March 19 a meeting of the Past Noble Grand will be held with Mrs. J. S. Royle, 219 Thirtieth street.

WILL MEET ON TUESDAY
The promoters of the league of the Sacred Heart will meet with Mrs. Robert Major, Tuesday afternoon, at the Virginia.

UNION MEETING
Last evening a union meeting of all the young people of the Baptist, Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian was held in the First Methodist church parlors. Quite a crowd of young people were present, and a delightful evening at various games and music was spent. An amusing feature of the entertainment was an old-time spelling bee, made doubly interesting by requiring the speller to spell their word backwards without any hesitancy. After a musical program had been rendered, delicious refreshments, consisting of ice cream cake and sandwiches were served.

FOR MONDAY EVENING
The Colonial song social and supper, given by the women of the First Presbyterian church, Monday night, in the church parlors, is being elaborately prepared for. Mr. Charles Kent will sing several old-time songs; Mrs. C. H. Stevens, Miss Hamill and Mr. Livingston will also render selections. Many will dress in colonial costumes.

PRETTY DANCING PARTY
The Domestic Arts and Science Girls of the Weber academy were charming hostesses to a beautifully appointed dancing party last evening in the academy auditorium, in affair being their annual ball. In the center of the hall suspended from the ceiling was a large silk flag with streamers of red, white and blue radiating from it to the balcony and both sides and the south end to a wire which crossed the choir stand. From the center of the wire hung the large national flag presented to the school by the Dis-Logan post of the G. A. R. Twisted streamers of red, white and blue were prettily arranged on both sides of the flag around the walls an endless chain of small American flags had been effectively draped and at the sides and south end large jardiniere of palms were placed. Under a bower of flags delicious fruit punch was nicely served, while in the dinner garden, where small flags were festooned from palms placed between the tables a dainty luncheon and dessert was prettily served by young ladies dressed to represent different flowers. Red and white carnations effectively arranged in tall vases adorned the table in two corners. The decorative scheme, large pictures of Washington and Lincoln draped



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Capital & Surplus \$100,000.00
M. S. Browning, John Watson, L. R. Eccles, Chas. H. Barton
President Vice Pres. Vice Pres. Cashier

FRUIT CROP OF THE STATE IS MOST PROMISING

J. M. White, former manager for the Utah Fruit Exchange, but now western manager for the Denney Fruit company of Chicago, has returned from a trip through the fruit belt of Utah county with good news as to the prospects that farmers generally are looking forward to a big harvest, due to the heavy snow fall and weather conditions at the present time. The same wet conditions prevail in the southern counties as here and it is said that the farm lands are in splendid condition for planting. A few days of warm weather would make it possible for plowing in some sections, especially on bench lands where the soil is sandy.

Mr. White states that, unless there should be late frosts strong enough to damage the buds, the fruit crop for this year will be considerably heavier than in former years. He has heard of no winter-killed fruit trees and the orchard soils are so filled with moisture that heavy crops are inevitable.

LEAVE FOR EAST
C. F. Thinnies and J. H. Blaes left Thursday on the Pacific Limited, for a six weeks' business and pleasure trip to Kansas and Arkansas.

SURPRISE PARTY.
Thursday evening a nicely planned surprise party was given in honor of Mrs. E. W. Larson at her home, 350 Eighteenth street, and quite a number of friends spent a most enjoyable time at card games and social diversion after which a delicious repast was served in the dining room, the following guests participating:

Messrs. and Mesdames Ringdahl, Peter Ernstrom, P. Larsen, August Jensen, John Peterson, Carl Larsen, Luke Peterson, O. T. Soderberg; Mesdames A. W. Larson, Lily Thurmond, Norseth, John Anderson, Anthony Peterson, E. Hansen, Karen Hansen, Earl Hansen; the Misses Peterson, H. Jensen, Ellen Larson O. Larson, Ette Larson; Messrs. O. Collins, Ellis Larson, and the little Misses Dora and Margaret Soderberg.

MISS BALLANTYNE HOSTESS.
Miss Lucille Ballantyne is entertaining a number of young ladies in compliance to Miss Fawn Wright, this afternoon, at her home, 750 Twenty-third street.

DRAMATIC READING AND MUSICAL.
A dramatic reading and musicale will be given in the Ogden Tabernacle March 2, under the auspices of the Mutual Improvement society of the Weber stake.

A musical treat is promised and the dramatic readings in which T. Earl Pardoe will give a number of choice readings, and Moroni Olsen will also present some of his best numbers, will be excellent, while Miss Carrie Browning will offer selection from the best composers as well as popular pieces. Much care and patient rehearsals have been given to the various details of this event and a large company will undoubtedly greet the performers.

Spirella Corset
Mrs. Smith—Tel. 661-W. 484 24th. 1-10-2mo

FOREST RANGER HAS TO MAKE A LONG JOURNEY

Dr. Asdale, a ranger of the Humboldt forest in Nevada, stopped off in Ogden today on his way from his headquarters at Three Creeks, Idaho, to Elko, for detail work.

The doctor states that the snow is so heavy and the roads in such bad condition that it was necessary to come by way of Ogden to get to Elko, which is many times farther than direct from his home, just across the Nevada-Idaho border line.

To Keep Your Dog Well.
Lined oil once a week is a great help to keeping a dog in good condition. For a grown dog use one teaspoonful; for a puppy, one-half.

OGDEN STATE BANK
CAPITAL & SURPLUS \$225,000.00

Safeguard Your Earnings
The longer it takes a man to earn a dollar, or the harder he has to work for it, the more careful he should be in safeguarding it against loss.

Savings deposited with this old, strong bank are in perfect safety and bear interest